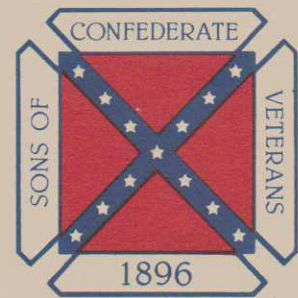


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DIVISION AWARDS MERITORIUS SERVICE MEDAL

Jonesville -

In February South Carolina Division Commander C. Earl Barnett presented Mr. David Patton with the Sons of Confederate Veteran's Meritorious Service Award.

The ceremony took place at the February meeting of the General States Rights Gist Camp in Jonesville, South Carolina.

Mr. Patton is a reporter for the UNION DAILY TIMES, a Union County (SC) newspaper. He was nominated for this national award for an article, which he authored, covering the reinterment of South Carolina's Unknown Soldier in

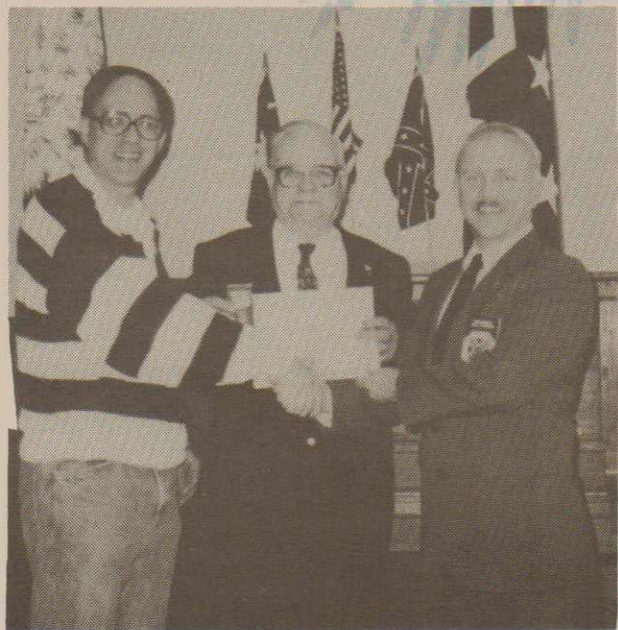
November 1987.

The Unknown Soldier was killed-in-action at the Battle of Ox Hill in Chantilly, Virginia. The reinterment ceremonies took place at the Capitol in November 1986.

The half page article, entitled "Soldiers Burial, A Solemn Occasion", featured a full page of photographs and appeared in the November 26, 1986 edition

In addition to writing the story Mr. Patton made the accompanying photographs as well.

The Meritorius Service Award is presented by the national Sons of Confederate Veterans for an act of distinguished service to the South or the Southern Cause.



Division Commander C. Earl Barnett presents the SCV Meritorius Service Medal to Mr. David Patton, while Camp Commander T.D. Cunningham of Jonesville looks on. The presentation took place at a meeting of the States Rights Gist Camp.

Div. Com. Barnett presented the medal to Mr. Patton on behalf of **Commander-in-Chief Ralph Green**. Mr. Patton is the first South Carolinian to receive the Meritorius Service Medal.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Editors Note:

In the last edition of the PALMETTO PARTISAN we carried an article about Confederate Memorial Day. Since that time much of the information and plans have changed. The information reported below supercedes any other communications as of 29 April 1988.

The South Carolina United Daughters of the Confederacy and the SCV, under the direction of Kathy Sadler, Columbia UDC Chapter President, are sponsoring a State-wide Confederate Memorial Day, to be held at the Capitol on Saturday, 14 May.

A parade from Elmwood Cemetery, commencing at 10:00, down Main St., to the Capitol will feature approximately 200 Confederate re-enactors in historic formation with the Washington Light Infantry, the South Carolina State Guard as well as other historic military organizations. At the State House they will be met by a large contingent of ladies in hoop skirts. The grounds will be decorated with magnolias, green, gold and grey satin, with flowers throughout.

Speeches will be made by

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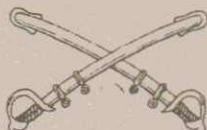
The PALMETTO PARTISAN welcomes Letters to the Editor, Your Confederate Ancestor articles, FORUM articles, unsolicited manuscripts and photographs. All correspondence should include the authors name, address and phone number, and should be sent to the PALMETTO PARTISAN, 875 Altamont Rd., Greenville, SC, 29609.

Subjects for the FORUM column should be of interest and pertinence to the Division membership at-large. FORUM articles must be written by a member of the Division, and should be no longer than 800 words. The Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions.

Articles will be retained by the PP and cannot be returned unless accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

To you Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history.

Lieutenant General Stephen D. Lee
Confederate States Army



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SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

In contemporary South Carolina the Confederate Cause is not always properly understood and respected - even by those who should know better. Thus it becomes one of our goals to correct this. Therefore, consider this suggestion. In most churches it is routine to dedicate a flower arrangement to some deceased ancestor. The arrangement is placed in front of the pulpit at some regular worship service and a notice is printed in the bulletin.

A Sunday around May 10 would be a good time for a Southerner to place an arrangement in memory of his Confederate ancestor. This will have the double effect of remembering the sacrifice of our forefathers as well as marking Confederate Memorial Day in the minds of your fellow congregants.

For Your Information

In a recent letter about Confederate Memorial Day it was stated that General Thomas J. Jackson was a member of a Masonic Lodge. The Palmetto Partisan contacted Dr. James I. Robertson (of V.P.I.) about this question. According to Dr. Robertson, (who has written and spoken extensively on "Stonewall" Jackson) "There is no evidence to support the claim that Thomas J. Jackson was ever a Mason."

A Reminder

There will be four major events for the South Carolina Division this year: national convention, State convention, Statewide Memorial Day and local Memorial Day. All men are encouraged to support them all.

A Quote of Note

Gov. James B. Edwards speaking to the 16th Regiment Camp on "The Medical University of South Carolina in the Confederate Cause".

We have rebuilt our cities and our schools, our farms and our factories, and that tragic war seems a long time past. We must continue to tell the story, however, of the raw courage, the sacrifice, the bravery of our people, who were willing to fight for a cause in which they believed. If our great country, today, is to survive, we must pass on to our progeny those values, those beliefs, those sterling characteristics of our people who performed so gloriously during this tragic time.

We must not let modern historians hide this exercise-in-honor from future generations yet unborn!

RETURNED FIRE

from our readers

Editor:

Reference is made to that portion of your January/February, 1988 issue which is a digest of news from around the National SCV.

Alas, I cannot claim credit for having called for each Division to raise funds to erect a building upon the Winstead Hill site -- although I was present when said call was sounded. The call, I might add, was for each Division to raise \$5,000 and not the \$4,500 you mentioned. In point of fact my name was NEVER MENTIONED in the two-part article in the Rebel Yell which was authored by MOS&B Past CIC Beau Cantrell.

You may [note from the letterhead] that I am not, and was not at the time of the series in the Rebel Yell, Commander of the Louisiana Division -- though I do look back wistfully to that experience from time to time.

Please continue to send me your newsletter. As South Carolina led the way in 1860, so she leads the way today in her fervor for the Cause.

Edward Overton Cailleteau,
Commander
Army of the Trans-Mississippi

Editor:

This is in reply to your last newsletter which gave an account of the Fort Sumter event in which the PALMETTO BRIGADE took part.

Many thanks to David Benton and the FIRST SOUTH CAROLINA REGIMENT and to those in the PALMETTO BRIGADE who worked so hard to organize the event.

Your last paragraph details the fact that the U.S. Park Service took issue with holding religious

services on Park property. Such was the case at Fort Sumter. As Christians we are to obey the law of the land, but our first obligation is to obey the higher law of God.

To this Chaplain that higher law includes Fort Sumter... After all, aren't we all trying to uphold our God given heritage?

Bill Ferguson
Lancaster, SC

Editor:

A misstatement has appeared in your publication and needs to be corrected. In the last issue, in an unsigned article headed with "Confederates Fire on Fort Sumter" describing the activities surrounding the Sesquicentennial of Mount Pleasant, it was stated that the National Park Service had declined to allow the PALMETTO BRIGADE to hold a religious service at Fort Sumter. The final paragraph quoted a Park Service letter as stating "it was improper to conduct a religious service on U.S. Government property." I am in possession of the correspondence involved and this is not what transpired. The National Park Service requested permission for future services be requested in writing and in advance. The Park Service did decline to allow the BRIGADE to present a "Living History" at the fort by "garrisoning Fort Sumter for a weekend."

Superintendent R. Brian Varnado is a member of the Fort Sumter Camp, and has been very helpful with the attempts to restore Castle Pickney which is owned by the Camp.

Mr. Varnado's position is clear and logical. The park Service receives requests from [so called

*The pen is mightier than the sword
but, a typewriter is like field
artillery.*

hate groups] and others bent on degrading or demeaning historical sites and needs advance notice and a permit procedure to protect the Public!

Daniel Ravenel, Past Commander
Fort Sumter Camp

Confederate History

The following events transpired during the month of April, 1861 - 1865.

Edited by Gene Brooks

Seige of Petersburg, 2, 1865.

Grant attacks Lee's whole line in front of Petersburg. Soon after Grant's final assault, the knightly Lt. Gen. A.P. Hill, while attempting to reach his men (and accompanied only by an orderly) is killed by a Federal straggler.

Charleston, 3, 1861

The second session of the Convention of the People of South Carolina ratifies the Confederate Provisional Constitution.

Pittsburg Landing, Shiloh Tenn. 6-7, 1862

Washington, D.C. 9, 1861

Confederate Peace Commissioners send a letter to U.S. State Dept. declaring, justly, that the active naval and military operations are ACTS OF WAR. Meanwhile, Mr. "Malice Towards None's" fleet sails for Charleston. Fort Pulaski, Savannah Ga. 11, 1862

Fort Pillow, Tenn. 11-12, 1864

Fort Sumter, Charleston Harbour 12-14, 1861

*Gene Brooks is Historian of
the John Kinnard Camp.*

COLUMBIA MAY GET HQ, NEW CHARTER FOR NEWBERRY

Columbia

WADE HAMPTON

The Compatriots of the Wade Hampton Camp are now in the unique position of having a permanent headquarters. A local developer intends to renovate the building that housed the printing facility for the Confederate Treasury.

As compensation for the Camp's participation and assistance in this project the developer will provide them with office space and an on-site location for Camp meetings and dinners.

Two Senators from the Columbia area spoke at the March meeting. **Joe Wilson** and **John Courson** talked about efforts being made in the Legislature to secure the Confederate Battle Flag's present place of honor. Sen. Wilson joined the Camp at this meeting.

Also, the Camp is presently working hard to prepare for the upcoming General Convention of the SCV as well as the S.C. Division convention (see pp 5 & 6). Both of

these will be hosted this Summer in Columbia by the Wade Hampton Camp this year.

Florence

PEE DEE RIFLES

At the February meeting **Mrs. Linda Prossler** presented the Camp with a handsewn Battleflag, duplicated from an original. After what **Com. Willie Tisdale** described as a "heartfelt speech" Mrs. Prossler was given an ovation of appreciation, and **Chaplain R.H. Langston** gave a prayer for "our new flag, country, and heritage."

In accepting the flag **Com. Tisdale** quoted from J.W. Brunson, Commander of a reunion of the South Carolina Division of the United Confederate Veterans, who said, "When I look upon these emblems of that Starry Cross, which was our inspiration on so many hard fought fields..., I confess, by a deep sorrow, that that banner is no more. But, there is a treasure house of memory about which wrapped in the mantle of its own glory

proudly sleeps that Starry Cross without a stain upon its sacred folds."

Lt. Com. Mike King reported on plans being made for a field trip to Charleston.

Recently, the Camp sponsored a "Living History" at the Florence flea market, and is looking for an appropriate site for the Florence

Confederate Museum.

Capt. Jack Marlar of the PALMETTO LIGHT ARTILLERY presented a program on 19th Century artillery at the March meeting.

Greenville

16TH REGIMENT, SOUTH CAROLINA
VOLUNTEERS

The Camp's annual Lee/Jackson dinner was held in January. At this meeting the Camp elected new officers including **J. Norris Kinion** as Commander. The Camp also voted to change its fiscal year to 1 August to 31 July in order to match nationals calendar.

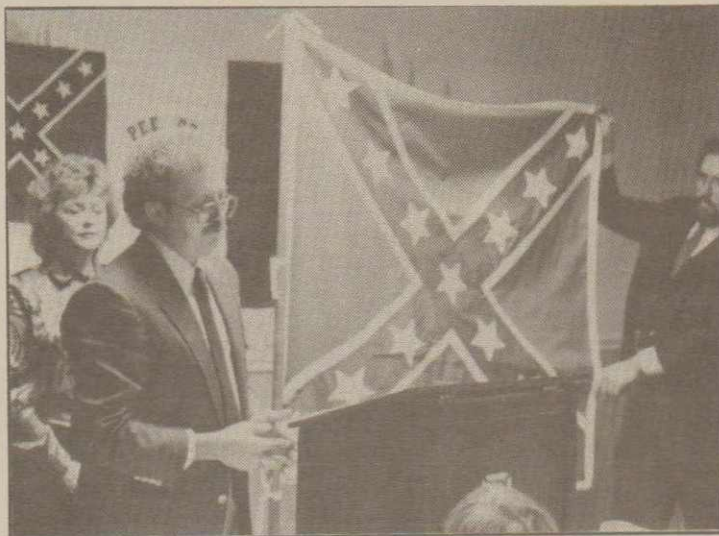
The program for this meeting was **Com. Chris Sullivan** who let "Lee speak for himself" by reading a series of letters which Gen. Lee wrote before, during and after the War. The recipients of the correspondence ranged from family members to Lord Palmerston, Prime Minister of England.

Dr. Tom Evans of Athens, Georgia addressed the Camp in February. Dr. Evans has a Doctorate in Military History and his speciality is Sherman's Cavalry in the Atlanta Campaign. His presentation made the men and maneuvering come to life as he described the awesome struggle for one of the South's great cities.

M.K. Sadler spoke to the Camp as well, as she called on strong support for the upcoming Memorial Day in Columbia.

March brought **Sen. David Thomas** to speak to the Camp. Sen. Thomas has announced that his once wavering support for the Flag has been solidified after hearing **Sen. Glenn McConnell** speak of the "cannon balls that flew over [the building where their offices now stand] to strike our State Capitol."

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COM. WILLIE TISDALE OF THE PEE DEE RIFLES ACCEPTS A HANDSEWN BATTLE FLAG FROM MRS. LINDA PROSSLER WHILE LT. COM. MIKE KING LOOKS ON.

1988
SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION
Sons of Confederate Veterans
CONVENTION
Seawell's Restaurant
Columbia, South Carolina
May 28

0930 - 1000	Registration
1000	Opening Ceremony (Host Camp) Camp Commanders' Reports Committees' Reports Adjutant's Report PALMETTO PARTISAN Editor's Report Old Business New Business <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. National Convention2. Consideration Division constitution.3. Consideration of new fiscal year.
1200	<i>Recess</i>
1200 - 1300	Luncheon with speaker
1300	<i>Reconvene</i>
1305 - 1330	Election of Division officers.
1330	<i>Adjournment</i>

This event is hosted by the Wade Hampton Camp in Columbia. Registration will begin at 0930 at the restaurant, coffee and doughnuts will be served.

All Compatriots are encouraged to attend and represent their Camp.

At the conclusion of the convention there will be an administrative school for Camp officers. This will help those men who are currently serving better operate their Camps.

The cost of pre-registration - which includes the convention, luncheon and program, - will be \$10.00 if filed prior to May 23, and \$12.00 thereafter.

Seawell's Restaurant is located on Main St. (1924 Main St.) just off Elmwood Ave (I-126) in Columbia.

Registration Form

Mail to Charles Clark, 139 Village Walk, Columbia, SC, 29209, before May 23.

Name _____

Address _____

Camp _____ I have enclosed a check for \$ _____ (\$10.00 per person) made payable to the S.C.V.

MEMORIAL DAY MEETING

SCHEDULE SPECIFIED

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honored guests, including five State Senators. Gov. Carroll Campbell's participation is almost certain due to the effort of Senators John Courson and Glenn McConnell and Division Chaplain J.J. Mahoney. The Governor will fly in from a golf tournament in Hilton Head to speak.

Entertainment on the grounds will include Living History encampments by the re-enactors, dancing to music of the 1860's by women in period dress, and Scottish pipers and Highland Dance.

After this grand celebration, the re-enactors will present a continuation of the Living History at Riverfront Park where historic information and entertainment will be provided until 11:00 pm.

Div. Com. Earl Barnett is arranging media coverage of the ceremony. Every media outlet in the State will receive a press release and television stations will be sent a video promotion tape. Radio stations are being sent scripts and "trivia Questions" relative to Southern History. Coverage is expected from as far away as Belgium, Ireland, Britain and Canada. This event will also be carried in Parks, Recreation and Tourism publications.

Sen. McConnell will present a Joint-Resolution to the legislature to designate Southern History Week to correspond with the service.

This event, said Mrs.

Sadler, "Is offered as an act of love by South Carolina's UDC and SCV on behalf of their forefathers, who sacrificed, fought and died in simple patriotic duty as they were called to protect their homes and families."

CONVENTION COLUMBIA-BOUND

The Wade Hampton Camp, host of this year's national convention, has announced a pre-convention offer for members of the South Carolina Division.

As is the custom with national conventions, the host Camp is issuing a commemorative medal. This year's medal will bear the inscription "S.C.V. General Convention, August 3 - 6, Columbia, S.C." and will feature an engraving of Gen. Wade Hampton. One of these medals will be included in every registration packet.

However, any Compatriot so desiring may purchase one of these medals in advance from the Wade Hampton Camp for \$17.00 (plus \$2.00 for postage and insurance). The proceeds from these early sales will help defray the costs of the convention.

Also, the Camp is now accepting applications for Ancestor Memorials in the convention program. These are a simple inscrip-

tion reading "Remembered by," and the name of the contributors ancestor. Ancestor Memorials are available with a contribution of \$10.00.

Advertisements in the convention program will sell for \$75.00 per half page. In the past many Camps in the host division have purchased program advertisements.

For more information contact Com. Sam Padgett, 216 S. Wrenwood Dr., Lexington, SC, 29072.

DAUGHTER'S DEDICATION

The Columbia Chapter of the UDC dedicated a monument to the Unknown South Carolina Soldier March 20. The ceremonies took place in the Confederate Enclosure at Elmwood Cemetery.

PEE DEE RIFLES PLAN DINNER

The Pee Dee Rifle's annual Southern Heritage Dinner will be held May 19 in Anderson at Richardson's cafeteria.

Dinner tickets are available for \$10.00 from Al Stokes (226-3144 after 4:00). Sen. Glenn McConnell will be the featured speaker along with some light entertainment.

A painting of the Confederate Monument by artist Chevis Clark will be raffled at the dinner. Raffle tickets are offered at \$3.00

each or 4 for \$10.00.

Confederate Calendar

- 10 May Legal Confederate Memorial Day *South Carolina*
- 10 May 125th Anniversary of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson's death
- 14 May State-wide Confederate Memorial Day *Columbia, SC*
- 19 May Southern Heritage Dinner, *Anderson, SC*
- 28 May SC Division Convention, *Columbia, SC*
- 3-6 August SCV National Convention, *Columbia, SC*

For more information about any of the above events contact the PALMETTO PARTISAN.

PICTURE PERFECT

"The Last Meeting" by Julio, is presently on display at the Greenville Museum of Art. The portrait of Generals Lee and Jackson is part of a private collection.

VOLUNTEERS FORWARD!

C. Earl Barnett

During the next several months, the SCV in South Carolina will be actively involved in several major projects such as Confederate Memorial Day, S.C. Div. Convention and the national SCV Convention in Columbia.

To accomplish these events in a professional manner we must, each of us, determine to do our utmost to support them. Volunteers to help where ever you can and above all show your support by your presence. The Wade Hampton Camp has graciously undertaken to host our Division convention, along with hosting the National Convention two months later. They are making great efforts to assume the high quality of each, so let's show our strong support by being there.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At the Confederate Memorial Day activities in Columbia, May 14 we need a few good men!

There are several volunteer positions which must be filled - such as men to drive vans and cars to transfer the Real Sons and Daughters from Elmwood to the Captiol. Supplies and equipment are required for the ceremony and the reception. Tables, electrical extension cords, as well as men to help erect the stages and seating are a necessity for this event to be a success.

Also, we intend to make a video documentary of this historic event, and we need a few experienced cameramen to do it. I am asking any one interested in performing this duty to contact me at the following address. We will make up specific assignments and a duty roster for those involved.

Commander Earl Barnett
112 Hackamore Court
Simpsonville, SC 29681

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Newberry

The Newberry Camp has been meeting monthly to organize in that city. With a membership of about 20 men they will reactivate the charter of the John Kinard Camp, Number 35 as of 1 August 1988.

ANV Com. Jack Marlar displayed his collection of WBTS artillery projectiles and fuses at the March meeting. The Camp, at this time, decided to reactivate the old Newberry charter.

National Digest



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS IN KENTUCKY

The Executive Committee of the SCV met in Louisville, Kentucky February 12 & 13, to consider matters of business relevant to the national organization.

Among the matters considered were the expulsion of John Hurley by the Washington, D.C. Camp and the financial status of the CONFEDERATE VETERAN magazine.

Commander Eble reported on the committee considering applications for grants from the Brooks Trust Fund. (The Brooks Trust is an estate administered by the SCV which awards grants for post doctoral medical research.) At present the committee awards one \$1,000 grant every year. However, according to Adj.-in-Chief W.D. McCain the Trust account has grown to \$1,174,412.31 as of 1 Jan 88. (The account was 2.5 million prior to the stock market crash.)

Com. Eble also moved to increase the amount that could be granted by the committee per year and also to rescind the action of a previous Executive Council to divide the fund and use part of it to construct a headquarters on Winstead Hill in Franklin, Tennessee. Both motions passed.

Ed. O. Cailleateau moved to increase Life Membership dues from \$150 to \$250 in order to reflect the increase in per capita tax on Camps imposed at the last National Convention (passed).

In other actions the Council approved a request to grant the "Morgan's Men" society the endorsement of the SCV. This society is for the descendants of those men who served under the Command of John Hunt Morgan. They also directed the Arkansas Div. Lt. Com. to investigate the CSS Arkansas museum which had requested similar endorsement.

Mr. John Hurley, who had been expelled from the Washington, D.C. Camp last year, appealed his expulsion to the Council which determined that the Camp's action would not be validated until Mr. Hurley had been given the opportunity to appear in person. Due to a technicality he was not present at this meeting.

This meeting was hosted by the Kentucky Division, which is Commanded by Frank Rankin.

THE FOX HOLE, A CONFEDERATE INITIATIVE

Because Conditions in BATTERY WAGNER (Morris Island, south of Charleston, S.C.) were crowded, and in order to disperse the troops to keep casualties to a minimum, Brigadier General Ripley ordered several hundred rice casks sent to Morris Island. These were sunk in the loose sand and were called "rat holes," forerunners of the "fox holes" of World War II.

The Siege of Charleston 1861-1865, by E. Milby Burton, U.S.C. Press, Columbia, SC, 1971, page 161

THE MEMORY ROLLS

The Memory Rolls is a nickname

given to four volumes of records stored in the S.C. Department of Archives and History. They were solicited in the 1880s' by the state from the memory of the veterans in the Survivors Associations, in an attempt to record for history, complete company rolls. Since they are crude lists by company, under each regiment (Artillery, Cavalry and Infantry), they are perfect for acquiring a beginning list of veterans by company. They are a good compliment to the microfilm records we are familiar with. Did you know that a company of upcountry

South Carolinians fought designated as Virginia Cavalry?

INTERESTING QUOTES

S.C. Governor Steven D. Miller (1828-1830) once toasted...

"The three boxes preservative of liberty - the jury box, the ballot box, and the cartridge box."

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Random Recollections of a Long Life 1806-1876 by Edwin J. Scott, 1884, R.L. Bryan Co., Columbia Reprint 1969, 1980

"I have this rule for others when I am dead. Be always sure, you are right, then go ahead."

David Crockett

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"A Time To Stand"

Walter Lord

Bonanza Books, 1987, New York.

RECONSTRUCTION GOVERNMENT

Of the 63 members of the Reconstruction South Carolina Legislature, 50 were Negroes or mulattoes and 13 were white. Only 22 were literate. Nineteen were taxpayers for a total amount of \$ 146.00.

Historical Sketches of Aiken

William S. Brockington Jr. and

Judith T. VanSteenbur

1985

The Aiken Sesquicentennial Committee

Saga of Southern Seas

Anyone who loves South Carolina's history will find J. Percival Petit's editing of "South Carolina and the Sea (Vol. II)", a treasure for their bookshelf. Mr. Petit, a Compatriot of the Charleston Camp, has chronicled our State's history in concise paragraphs fol-

lowing important and interesting events. No doubt, the sections most interesting to our readership will be those concerning our State's early history through the Second War For Independence; especially to the reader with an even passing interest in the maritime history. Though, unfortunately, the War section is entitled "The Great Rebellion", the editor can't be faulted for the fairness in its content.

South Carolina and the Sea, Vol. II
J. Percival Petit, Editor
215 pages,

The only real problem with this concise chronicle of our history is that it starves the reader for more. Mr. Petit, and the committee which assembled this volume, are to be congratulated for a fair telling of South Carolina's history.

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